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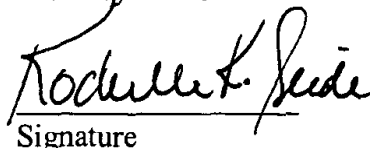
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed March 3, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. A two (2) month extension to the period for responding to the Official Action is requested, and the appropriate fee is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks.